



**Bernalillo County 1% for Public Art
Arts Board Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2006 Minutes**

PRESENT: Joe Chavez, Chair Dist. 1
Reg Loving Dist. 1
Lisa Zawadzki Dist. 3
Oswald Werner Dist. 4
George Manus Dist. 5

ABSENT: Elena Baca Dist. 3
Jan Hayes Dist. 5
Joseph Wasson Dist. 2
Paul Waters Dist. 4

STAFF: Sherri Olsen, Public Art Manager
Sherry Gutierrez, Admin. Officer

OTHER: Chuck Dunbar, Artist Commuter
Rail Windscreens
Students & G. Bach, Working
Classroom/ACLU
Patsy Catlett, Art Consultant
Tony Sylvester, MRCOG

- ♦ **Call to Order:** There being no quorum, Chair Chavez asked the board to move onto the non-action items on the agenda.
- ♦ **NM Rail Runner Windscreens-Final Designs:** C. Dunbar summarizes the Windscreen Project and showed mockups of the windscreen artworks for each station from Belen to Bernalillo. He described the process for working with the various communities and how the layout of the platforms affected his final designs. T. Sylvester reported that train service is expected to begin in late June or early July.
- ♦ **Call to Order:** G. Manus joined the meeting and Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.
- ♦ **Approval of the Agenda:** Staff recommended that the Art Acquisition Plan Update be postponed until E. Baca arrives. O. Werner moved approval of the Agenda as revised. R. Loving seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- ♦ **Mid-Region Council of Governments Building Prospectus-Review:** S. Olsen presented the draft prospectus for the Board and project representative to review. There was significant discussion about the pros and cons of advertising the project without a set budget amount and what process ultimately attracts the best artwork proposals. It was agreed that the prospectus would be advertised with a budget range between \$20,000 - \$34,000, noting that the budget will be a significant factor in the evaluation of the proposals and the phases would need to be separated out in the artists' proposals. Staff will revise the prospectus for final review at the may Board meeting.
- ♦ **Open Space Art Competition/Exhibition Prospectus-Review:** S. Olsen presented the draft prospectus for the Open Space project. O. Werner moved approval of the prospectus with the

following minor changes: Up to \$5000 for several artworks to be purchased for the Open Space Administrative offices. R. Loving seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- ◆ **Working Classroom Art Exhibit-Review of Materials:** The student artists and an attorney for Working Classroom presented information of the proposed temporary Courthouse Art Exhibition. The students described the process they used to learn about the issues people face in court and develop their artwork imagery. After their presentation, staff noted the four adopted criteria for artwork not suitable for exhibition in public spaces: desecration of the (a) flag, inappropriate nudity, inappropriate depiction of acts of violence or aggression, and desecration of a cultural symbol or icon. The board asked questions, which were answered by the students, and discussed the merits of the artworks and their intended messages for the viewers. After much discussion R. Loving made the following motion: In an effort to support young artists, the Board recommends approval of a four week installation at the County Courthouse as long as the Courthouse Security and Administration approves in writing those artworks for display that were presented to the Arts Board. The motion was unanimously approved. Staff will communicate the Board motion to the county and courts management.
- ◆ **Art Acquisition Plan Update:** P. Catlett and R. Loving gave an overview of the ad hoc committee meeting. They discussed the process for submitting potential names for consideration. P. Catlett described the collection evaluation process she is undertaking to help the board have a sense of the ratio of the various types of artworks and presented her preliminary analysis. She presented options for visiting some private collectors and a special tour of the Museum of NM. Staff will assist P. Catlett with coordinating the tours. L. Zawadzki stated that she would like for other media such as ceramics or other small sculptures to be considered.
- ◆ **Quality of Life Presentation-Brief Overview:** S. Olsen gave a brief presentation of the Quality of Life Initiative. Staff answered a few questions such as what were the next steps in the process and did the Arts Board have to vote on the initiative. Staff explained that an entire new board would be appointed for the QOL funds that would operate much like the Arts Board. Staff hopes the Ordinance will go before the Board of County Commissioners in late June and approved for placement on the November 2006 General Election ballot.
- ◆ **Isleta Blvd. Phase II-Citizen Request:** S. Olsen distributed a letter from Mr. Tom Powell who owns property on Isleta Blvd. He is requesting the Arts Board consider some artwork near his property. The Board will consider the request at a future meeting.
- ◆ **Project Updates:** Due to the length of the meeting project update were postponed until next month.
- ◆ **Next Meetings:** Regular Meeting May 10, 2006 @ 1:00 p.m. One Civic Plaza, 10th Floor, Conference Room B.

Adjournment: O. Werner moved to adjourn. L. Zawadzki seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Sherri Olsen, Public Art Program Manager

Approved: _____
Joe Chavez, Chair

Date

cc: Bernalillo County Commissioners
Thaddeus Lucero, County Manager